

THE half-wit who rocks the boat is a full brother to the feeble-minded man who "didn't know it was loaded."

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Generally fair tonight and Sunday; continued high temperatures.

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INTERURBAN BETWEEN TOPEKA AND KANSAS CITY ASSURED BY ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY OF THE PURCHASE OF L. & T. PROPERTY

Willard E. Winner Interests of K. C., Mo., Buy for \$275,000.

Will Electrify Line and Build Branches and Cutoffs.

HOURLY SERVICE IN THIS CITY

Cars Will Come Up Town Over Street Car Lines.

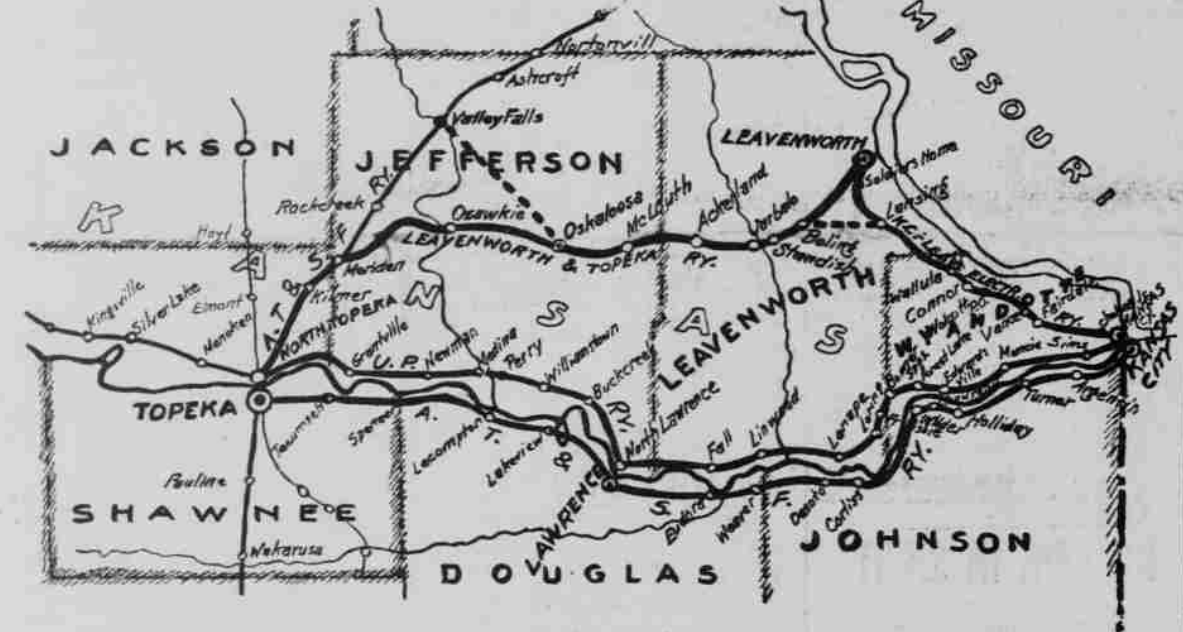
While Road Is Electrified Steam Trains Will Be Operated.

TOPEKA TERRITORY DEVELOPED

Excursions Will Be Advertised to the Capital City.

Announcement Is Made Officially by C. J. Smith.

The first official move designating Topeka as the interurban center of Kansas and developing a large section of the Kaw valley tributary to the business interests of this city, was brought about today with the announcement that effective September 1 the Leavenworth & Topeka railway is to become the property of the Wil-



Route Interurban Line, Topeka to Leavenworth to Kansas City. The Leavenworth & Topeka Line will be electrified and cutoffs and branches built as shown by dotted lines along the river to Kansas City show the relative course of the interurban and the U. P., Santa Fe and Rock Island.

lard E. Winner interests of Kansas City, Mo. Immediately after the property is turned over to the purchasers plans will be made for electrifying the line between Topeka and Leavenworth. At the same time a branch will be built from Boling to Lansing connecting with the Kansas City & Leavenworth interurban and thereby leading directly into Kansas City, Mo. While this branch is under construction the old Leavenworth & Topeka grade between this city and Meriden, west of the present steam road, will be utilized and rails will be laid.

Hourly Service. As a result of this activity, Topeka in a few months will have hourly electric passenger, express and freight service with Leavenworth and Kansas City. Effective September 1 the purchasers of the Leavenworth & Topeka will operate steam trains until the road can be electrified. These trains will be operated between Topeka and Leavenworth. Sunday excursions will be advertised beginning late in September.

The announcement of this project giving Topeka her first real interurban connection with a wonderfully productive territory and with Kansas City was made in Topeka today by C. J. Smith, of Kansas City, associated with the Winner interests. The announcement of the sale of the Leavenworth & Topeka for a small sum of \$275,000 was confirmed by E. L. Copeland, secretary and treasurer of the Santa Fe railway in Topeka today.

West From Leavenworth. The Santa Fe and Union Pacific will continue to operate the road until September 1. When it is taken over by the purchasers it will continue to be operated as a steam line until it is electrified, which, Winner officials promise, will be in a short time. Work of electrifying the road will begin in Leavenworth and proceed west to Meriden. From Meriden to Topeka a new track will be laid over the grade built between the two points by the Leavenworth & Topeka thirty-four years ago. The grade, after lying unused for more than a quarter of a century, is in an excellent state of preservation. The only thing the Winner interests will have to do is lay the track and construct the bridges and culverts, the largest bridge being the one necessary over Soldier creek.

Through North Topeka. The new road, it was asserted, will enter North Topeka near Garfield park and connect with the Topeka street railway's tracks at the end of the North Kansas avenue line, over

which the cars will run to the South side.

Offices of the interurban will be located here. The power house will either be located here or in Leavenworth, probably here, it is said. After construction work is completed and the line is electrified from here to Leavenworth the interurban company will build a cutoff between Boling and Lansing, a distance of five miles. The cutoff will connect the main line of the Leavenworth & Topeka railway with the Kansas City-Leavenworth interurban line at those points.

After a traffic agreement is planned to be made to run their cars into Kansas City. That will complete an interurban line between Kansas City and Topeka as short as any of the steam lines. The length of the electric line between the two points will be about seventy miles. When construction work on a branch line to Valley Falls and Holton will begin.

Take It Over September 1. Beginning September 1, when the Winner interests will continue to operate the line as a steam road, until the line is electrified, the company will take its first step toward revolutionizing the service. While regular service, passenger and freight, will be maintained six days of the week, the passenger service will be doubled on Sundays. Excursions will be made into Topeka and to points along the line.

Sunday Excursions. The road will advertise Topeka, its parks, its museums and state buildings and the surrounding territory, as an excursion center. Some of the most attractive fishing, outing and camping resorts and locations in the middle west are on the line between this city and Leavenworth. They will be developed by the road. Topeka, while the road is being operated as a steam line even, will find it possible to es-

cape, for a few hours, from their business duties and spend the weekend in these places. After electric cars are placed in service, and they will run every hour from both terminals, a jaunt into the wooded hills and resorts will be possible any time.

Good Freight Service. In connection with passenger service the Winner interests promise they will maintain an adequate freight service. The territory through which the road runs is exceptionally rich agriculturally. It is only a short haul to the absence of transportation to Topeka and Kansas City.

The new line will make a specialty also of milk transportation. That, they believe, will be of much benefit to Topeka creameries and milk shippers. Topeka is prepared to handle milk shipments. The largest creamery in the world is located here.

New Line Prospectus. C. J. Smith, a former Topekan, who lived here seven years ago and established the Jackson-Walker coal business in Topeka today representing the Winner interests and discussing prospects of the new line. Mr. Smith's announcement that the new line will be the first definite information besides the promise of the Heilm lines to build here, to be received to the effect that Topeka is to have an interurban line for the first time or the first part of next, although there have been wild rumors of interurban lines for years.

He was told by the score. He was told Topeka business men would not welcome the line but they would operate it their patronage and co-operation.

Rates Will Be Lower. "We will be able to haul passengers for rates lower than steam lines can. Interurbans are not under the interstate commerce commission. Beginning in September, we will advertise the state capital as an excursion point. The state fair here will be one of our haunts this year and we expect to haul thousands of persons to it."

The amount of the consideration, \$275,000, in the transfer of the road is causing considerable comment in railroad circles here and it is considered a "song." The purchase included the right of way between Topeka and Leavenworth and other properties of the road.

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TOPEKA TO HAVE 'SAFETY ZONES,' TRAFFIC 'COPS'

New Automobile Ordinance Will Be Ready by August 15.

Poles and "Islands" for Busy Kansas Avenue.

INCREASE SPEED LIMITS

Then Most Strict Enforcement Will Be Effective.

Square Corners for Pedestrians and Autos Alike.

A real traffic ordinance which will take Topeka out of the "hick" town class will be effective by August 15, according to an announcement made this morning by Mayor J. E. House. Safety zones similar to those in Kansas City, "jay" walking rules, traffic cops, the city's purse permitting, rules affecting parking of cars and a change in the speed laws will be features embodied in the proposed ordinance which will be drafted by the city attorney.

"There have been rumors of a new traffic ordinance all summer," said the mayor. "Rumors will change to reality by August 15. And you can bet the ordinance will be enforced after it is passed."

Demand of Commercial Club. Real action of the city in passing something besides a conversational ordinance follows on the heels of numerous suggestions to Mayor House by members of the Commercial and

Automobile clubs. Within the last two weeks Mayor House has been in receipt of letters and personal calls from Topeka citizens who have been the victims of near and real accidents as a result of traffic conditions existing in Topeka at this time. One business man, and a careful driver, was run into three times within two weeks as a result of the lack of drastic traffic laws and nonenforcement of those already in existence.

Hayden has been instructed to prepare a bill which will be in force at Lafayette, Ind., asserted to be one of the best governed cities in the country from a traffic standpoint.

Increase Speed Limit. The speed limit will be increased in order to make its enforcement effective. Automobiles parked on Kansas avenue and other streets must be placed on a bias and thus make entrance to buildings not prohibited in case of fire. Square corners will be in order in crossing streets.

A "hick" town stroll across Kansas avenue between intersecting streets will cost the pedestrian something. Safety zone poles will be supplied by the street railway company, it is understood.

"The primaries and booze business have been occupying our energies recently," said the mayor, "but the latter part of the summer will be a busy time for the police in establishing real city ideas in the heads of automobile drivers and pedestrians."

Thrown From a Buggy. Mrs. Washington Is Seriously Injured When Horse Becomes Frightened.

When a 3-year-old colt became frightened at some baled hay, Mrs. Evelyn Washington was thrown from her buggy this morning and seriously injured. The accident occurred near the Sommerheim farm, four miles south of Topeka. An ambulance was called from Topeka and the woman was taken to the hospital. She suffered a compound fracture of her right leg and probably internal injuries. Mrs. Washington was driving to Topeka from her home seven miles south of the Burlington farm. Near the Sommerheim farm, a 3-year-old colt which she was driving shied at some baled hay near the roadside. When the horse suddenly turned and began a dash for home, Mrs. Washington was thrown from her buggy and seriously injured.

Mrs. Washington is 70 years old and a widow. Her injuries are regarded as serious.

ADD 14,000 MEMBERS State Federation of Labor Is Rapidly Growing Organization.

Frank B. Brown was elected president of the Topeka Industrial Council at a meeting held Friday night. He succeeded Roy Locke, president for two terms. Mr. Locke was elected delegate to the annual convention of the Kansas State Federation at Wichita in August. W. M. Amos was elected alternate.

An attempt will be made to bring the next convention to Topeka. In the last year, according to statistics presented at the meeting, 14,000 new members have affiliated with the state federation. Other officers elected were: J. W. DeGrass, vice president to succeed J. O. Stevier; William Kerle, secretary-treasurer; Clyde Tresser, recording secretary.



Questions pertaining to the weather will be answered in this column. Where space will not permit or the subject is not suitable, letters will be personally answered, subject to proper limitations, and where a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed, together with fifty cents' worth of stamps. Dr. Ell will not make diagnoses or prescribe for cases of extreme thirst. Requests for loans cannot be answered.

SUMMER WEATHER.

In the summer there is likely to be more heat than in other seasons, especially in the temperate zone. Extreme care should be taken to keep yourself at a temperature of about 98.6. If you find your temperature rising a few degrees it is well to consult a bartender; whereas, if it falls a few degrees you should sit in a warm place and think intently of the administration's Mexican policy. By observing these simple precautions there is no reason why



J. B. L. writes: "I find that I am suffering from extreme thirst. I have always been a moderate drinker, rarely taking more than a few drinks at my meals, and never over a few between meals; otherwise I am extremely temperate. Had I better change my diet?"

REPLY. 1. Don't eat any meals and then you cannot drink at meals or between them.

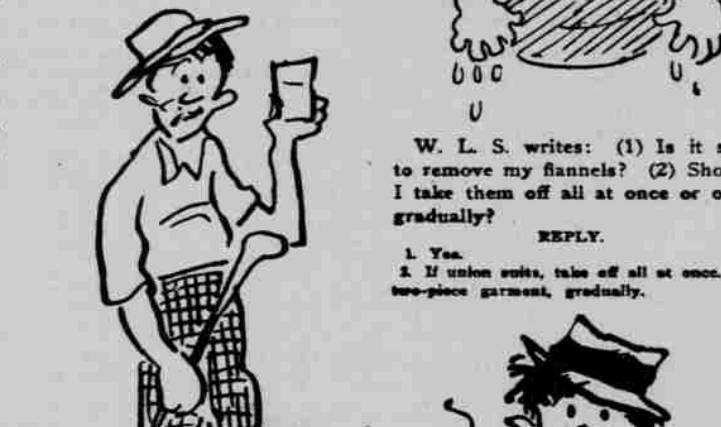
X. Y. Z. writes: "I have just suffered a dizzy spell. Yesterday I ate a half a watermelon and then played forty-five holes of golf. I could not keep my eye on the ball, except at the nineteenth hole. I kept my eye on it too long then and have been seeing double ever since. Is it serious?"

REPLY. 1. Consult a reliable physician at Elgin or Kansas. 2. Yes. No. 3. No. Yes. 4. No. Yes.

How to Keep Warm, By Dr. O.F. Ell.

you should not live through a large portion of the summer.

Prof. E. Harrison Hoss reports in The Veterinarian's Weekly Revue that heat is partly psychological and that a strong minded person may easily reduce his temperature by several degrees simply by thinking of some cool object—tall, cool, and liquid.



W. L. S. writes: (1) Is it safe to remove my flannels? (2) Should I take them off all at once or only gradually?

REPLY. 1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes.

I. M. R. writes: "I have been troubled for some days with a wilted collar. (1) What do you advise? (2) Is it serious? (3) Would you advise me to go to a hot climate? (4) Is Alaska all right? (5) Is it serious?"

REPLY. 1. You need a change. 2. Yes. 3. By all means. 4. Not far enough. 5. Yes.

HEAT FATAL HERE

John Karr, North Topeka, Found Dead Near City Park.

His Little Black Dog Stood Guard at His Side.

When early morning pedestrians found the dead body of John Karr in the street near City park today they found his little black dog—the only companion of a lonely old man—curled up by his side.

The police were notified and when they reached the body the dog was still there on guard.

Karr was nearly seventy years of age. His death is believed to have been due to heart trouble aggravated by extreme heat and exertion. He lived at 901 North Kansas avenue and was a paperhanger by trade. He was relatives in Colorado. They passed through Topeka several weeks ago and made arrangements with a local man to see that the old man was given a proper burial when he died.

Early this morning Karr pushed a two wheeled cart across the Mullan bridge to the river bank in City park. He loaded three logs on the cart and started pushing it towards home. No one has been found who saw him fall but soon after he was seen loading logs in the park his body was found on the street.

The body was taken to Shellabacker's undertaking rooms. No one paid any attention to the dog. He followed the body to the center of town and then became lost among the vehicles.

IZZIES ARE HERE

Savages Begin Series With Des Moines This Afternoon.

Two New Pitchers Make the Savages Look a Bit Better.

Today's Line Up.

Des Moines—Hahn, rf; Hunter, cf; Hartford, ss; Jones, lb; Green, c; Ewald, 3b; Hemminger, 2b; Baker, p.

Frank Isbell and his Des Moines Boosters arrived in the city this morning from St. Joe, where the best they could get was an even break with the lowly Drummers, and before the starting of this afternoon's game the Savages had high hopes of making a clean sweep of the series.

The last time Des Moines was here the Savages took three out of four games and with the Iowans going worse than they were then, a repetition should be easy, local boosters think.

The announcement of the signing of Pitchers Cy Young and Joe Hovick gives assurance that the mound staff of Manager Engle will be stronger than it has been for the last two weeks and if these two former big leaguers show any of their old time form they should prove valuable men. Cy Young is an ex-White Sox player. Both men were purchased from the Milwaukee club of the American association. They will probably be here tomorrow.

HERE'S WILD ONE! DR. COOK WANTS TO FLY TO POLE Denver, Col., July 29.—Dr. F. A. Cook had left Denver today for green fields in his search for \$500,000 backing for his scheme to fly to the North Pole in aeroplanes. "Doc" enlisted Congressman Ben Hilliard's support to the plan for congress to appoint a commission to investigate the rival claims of North Pole discoverers.

SNATCH CONVICT FROM EXECUTION FOR THIRD TIME

Osmising, N. Y., July 29.—For the third time Charles Silewsky was literally snatched from death today when the big German's execution, set for 6 o'clock this morning, was postponed by order of Supreme Court Justice Guy.

The court issued an order early today postponing execution until 11 o'clock. The court desired to go over "important papers" submitted about midnight.

LOSE THE APPAM

Federal Judge Decides Against German Raiders.

Rights Annulled by Bringing It to Neutral Harbor.

Norfolk, July 29.—Federal Judge Waddell today decided the libel proceeding for possession of the captured British liner Appam in favor of the English owners and against the German prize crew which brought her here. The court held that the German government lost all claim to the Appam and her cargo as prizes of war when Lieutenant Berg and his prize crew on last February 1 brought them into the neutral waters of Hampton Roads with the intention of "laying up" the vessel indefinitely.

The court held further that the Prussian-American treaty of 1795, renewed in 1828, does not apply or control in the case so as to guarantee the prize crew asylum in the United States waters.

That the action of the German prize court in declaring the Appam a prize while the case was in litigation in the United States courts has no effect on the jurisdiction of the court. That the jurisdiction of the United States courts in the case is established by a long line of precedents including several by the supreme court.

German Court Doesn't Agree. In conclusion the decision reads: "The manner of bringing the Appam into the waters of the United States constitutes a violation of the neutrality of the United States; that she came in without bidding or permission; that she is here in violation of the law; that she is unable to leave for lack of a crew, which she cannot provide or augment without further violation of neutrality; that in her present condition she is without a lawful right to be and remain in these waters; that she, as between her captors and owners, to all practical intents and purposes, must be treated as abandoned and stranded upon our shores; and that her owners are entitled to restitution of their property, which this court, in its proceedings, irrespective of the prize court proceedings of the court of the imperial government of the German empire, and it will be so ordered."

CROPS STAND IT Corn Can "Get By" for Ten Days Yet, Nebraska Report.

Iowa Fears Worst and Colorado Hard Hit by Heat.

Lincoln, Neb., July 29.—Nebraska crops have so far not been injured by the drought, and the hot, dry weather of the past few weeks will have proved good corn weather provided rain comes within the next week or ten days. The corn situation over the state has been very good so far this year and the crop outlook is bright. It is expected the dry weather does not continue too long and hot winds are escaped. In some parts of the state, principally along the Kansas line, some farmers are alarmed, but others declare the damage will be small, if any, if rain comes within several days. There has been no general rain over the state for two weeks, though there have been scattered local showers.

Nebraska Fears Drought. Des Moines, Ia., July 29.—Two weeks of record breaking heat has not injured the Iowa corn crop, except in a few places, in the opinion of the state agricultural experiment station, but unless the heat wave is broken, tassels will be burned, pollen destroyed and the crop injured. Many fields have corn signs of being in danger and danger of late frost is over and should the heat wave be broken in 48 hours the damage will be nominal.

Wheat, oats and hay have been a fine crop but berries have suffered from the heat and garden truck and melons and even grapes are in danger.

Rocky Mountain Region Dry. Denver, Col., July 29.—The recent hot, dry spell has had a bad effect on ranges and water supply in the Rocky mountain region, according to Forecaster Brandenberg here today. In some sections farmers are cutting grain for hay and the natural hay is poor. An exceptionally good crop of cherries is reported, however.

BRIG. GEN. DODD'S DASH FOR PANTHO WINS HIM HONORS Headquarters American Punitive Expedition, Mexico, July 29.—Brig. Gen. George A. Dodd, retired, arrived today at headquarters from Elvalle, en route to the states. General Dodd, as colonel of cavalry, won advancement as a result of his brilliant dash against Villa, which ended the clash at Guerrero.

He was given his star July 1, and was retired July 26, on his sixty-fourth birthday. The Tenth cavalry celebrated today the fiftieth anniversary of the regiment's formation.

Another Hot Sunday Is the Weather Bureau's Forecast. Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau: 7 o'clock...75 11 o'clock...88 2 o'clock...80 12 o'clock...90 3 o'clock...83 1 o'clock...92 10 o'clock...85 2 o'clock...93

Temperatures today averaged four degrees below normal. The day was cooler than yesterday and a pleasant breeze blew from the southeast. The relief is expected to be only temporary. A slight rain shower is expected this afternoon and the clouds were partly responsible for the lower temperatures. "If it should rain tomorrow the crops in Shawnee county, which are only half a crop," said S. D. Flora, local weather observer, this morning. And Mr. Flora went on to say that it was not only the crops but the stock continues in all parts of the state and in four days, if there is no rain by that

106 DEATH TOLL OF HEAT WAVE THRU MIDWEST

Hundreds of Prostrations Reported in Central States.

Torrid Temperature Levies Loss in Corn Belt.

FAINT HOPE FROM NORTHWEST

Breeze From Canada Now Combating Fiery Zephyrs.

Weather Man Adds, May Continue All Next Week.

Chicago, July 29.—Dawn found Chicago and the section between the Rocky and Allegheny mountains still sweltering from the heat today. There was no reduction in the mercury and predictions were the hot spell would last until Monday and possibly all next week. A total of 106 dead and several hundred prostrated was the toll taken by the heat.

First reports of serious damage from the torrid wave throughout the crop section of Illinois came pouring in today. Reports of corn firing came in from the corn belt and similar information said that Iowa corn fields have begun to wilt under the scorching sun and drought.

72 Deaths in Chicago Alone. Reports of cool breezes developing in the far northwest were made by the weather bureau today. It held out that it might develop strength to blow the heat from the middle west. The mercury here registered 88 at 2 o'clock this morning. Chicago started an upward climb. Chicago's death toll between midnight yesterday and last night was seventy-two. Thirty-four deaths were reported outside of Chicago.

Seventeen more deaths from the heat were reported today. Fifteen died here and four were reported from Aurora, Ill.

Seven Die in St. Louis. St. Louis, July 29.—As a result of the heat seven persons are dead and twenty-seven others overcome on the streets. Three deaths occurred in Bellevue, Ill. Oscar Johnson, wealthy president of the National Shoe company, died as a result of the heat here in his office Friday.

Persons were found by the police and pedestrians in every section of St. Louis who had become overheated on the streets. The temperature is still hovering around the 100 mark.

Two Deaths in K. C. Today. Kansas City, July 29.—Despite a temperature somewhere under that of yesterday, two deaths which occurred here early today were attributed by the coronators to heat exhaustion. Slight hopes were held today by the United States weather forecasters that a break in the high temperature was possible as a result of a cold front expected the day would witness thermometer readings well into the nineties throughout Missouri and Kansas.

Expectations were that the present high barometric pressure in the North Pacific continued to develop, it might cause thunderstorms and showers in this section. Kansas City's temperature at 11 o'clock this morning was 88 degrees four less than at the same time yesterday.

It's Chilly in New York. New York, July 29.—Only mountain resorts were cooler than New York last night and today. From a maximum of 88 degrees yesterday of 78 the mercury dropped to 68 about 6 o'clock and hovered about that point until sun-up today. It was 79 at 10 o'clock.

Northeast Breeze Loosens Force. Washington, July 29.—Continuation of the excessive heat now overspread across the country is expected to diminish tomorrow and its extension to the North Atlantic Coast states was forecast today by the weather bureau. The bureau said that the heat wave brought some relief throughout the northeastern part of the country is losing its force and the weather will rise throughout the east tonight and Sunday.

From plains states eastward the heat wave today held sway. Its intensity sent temperatures up ranging from 80 to 90 degrees. In the Missouri and Mississippi valley and the upper lake region.

Forecast of weather for the week beginning Sunday were announced today by the weather bureau as follows: West gulf states—Partly overcast with normal temperatures. Showers first half of week along gulf coast. Ohio valley and Tennessee—Generally fair and warm.

Great Lakes region—Warm and generally fair. There are no indications of a break in the hot wave. Plains states and upper Mississippi valley—Generally fair and continued.

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time the record for dry weather will be broken. The longest previous dry spell was thirty-six days. During the month of July so far there has been less wind than in any July for ten years, records at the weather bureau show.

The forecast calls for generally fair weather with continued high temperatures until Sunday. Last night was uncomfortable with a minimum reading of 71 degrees and tonight will be of the same brand. A fresh wind during the early part of last night caused a slight drop in temperature but the relief was only temporary. The wind this morning was blowing at a rate of eight miles an hour from the southeast. The mercury reached 93 degrees Thursday afternoon and was expected to reach the same mark today.

The highest temperature on record for this date is 102 degrees, established in 1897. The low record, 61 degrees, occurred in 1891. The Kaw river has fallen one-tenth of a foot since yesterday morning, making the stage today a record low.

An experiment conducted by Mr. (Continued on Page Two.)